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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN: "JUST AN OBSERVER" AT SCO SUMMIT

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(S) PolOff delivered August 4 reftel demarche points to MFA Central Asia Affairs Director Faisal Aziz Ahmed concerning USG interests vis-a-vis the August 28 Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit. Ahmed noted that Pakistan would be "just an observer" at the summit; Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi may not even attend, he added. Ahmed doubted Pakistan would be included regarding any texts resulting from the summit: "We are unlikely to be asked our opinion or to give one." Their five-minute remarks would be limited to stressing the original principals of the organization, also highlighted in reftel points.

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